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May 13, 2003

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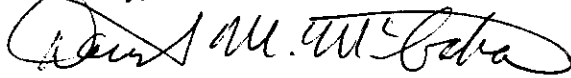
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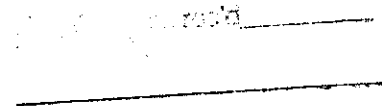
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Again, I urge you to help to ensure healthy debate in our country, by not relaxing the broadcast ownership rules.

Sincerely,



David M. McGaha



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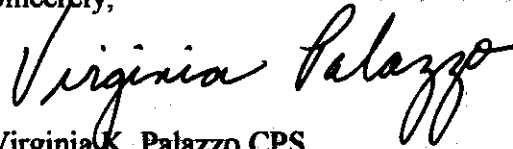
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W. Gerald Bertram  
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The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington DC, 20554

Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Sir;

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William R. Holmes

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*How can an opposing view get  
printed when total control is in  
hands of media??*

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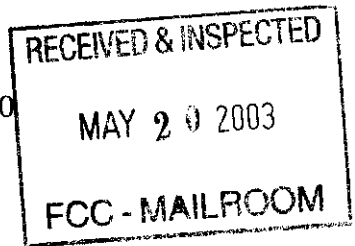
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Charles I. Delman  
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Charleston, IL 61920

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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell and fellow commissioners,

I urge you to reject the proposed rule changes, relaxing restrictions on media ownership, which you are scheduled to consider on June 2.

If anything, restrictions on media ownership should be tightened in order to reverse the growing monopolization of media outlets, which threatens both consumer choice and the free exchange of information, analysis, and views vital to a democratic society.

The relaxation of radio station ownership rules by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has already led to domination of many local markets by Clear Channel, which has grown from 40 to 1,225 stations. Further rule relaxation would open other media to monopolization.

Free markets only function if information flows freely and monopolies are prevented. Because of the vital role the media play in a democratic society, preventing media consolidation is of particular importance.

Broadcast frequencies are owned by the public and licensed to their users. It is the duty of Congress and the FCC to see that licensing rules and practices preserve a free media marketplace.

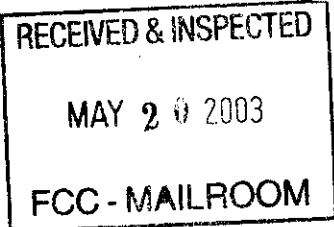
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Jack Robert Burrow  
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RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

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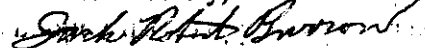
I strongly urge that the FCC abandon its plan to end long-standing and critical safeguards that have served as an important "check and balance" system to help ensure diversity of media ownership. Under the proposal you are considering, one company in a community will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. This will very badly damage true media diversity and competition. A competitive and diverse media is absolutely essential to ensure an informed citizenry and a healthy and vibrant democracy.

Eliminating these last remaining protections of the public trust would constitute a complete abandonment of the FCC's mission to ensure that our airwaves, which are owned by all Americans, are used in a manner which ensures the diverse range of voices and opinions needed in a healthy democracy. Loss of these protections would constitute a huge and unacceptable giveaway of public resources and political power to a few large and powerful media companies.

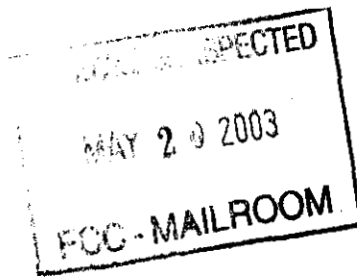
Further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues. Americans depend upon the media to bring us information that will allow us to make the informed choices necessary for the well-being of our nation and our future.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I urge you to reject the current proposal to abandon the last remaining controls on media consolidation. Instead, I strongly urge you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Most sincerely,

  
Jack Robert Burrow





May 13, 2003

Dear Commission:

I am opposed to deregulating the media ownership (Broadcast Ownership-Docket 02-277). We need diversity on coverage of the news. I do not want a few corporations to own all of the media in America.

I am ashamed that the FCC would have so many closed door discussions that could have stopped the public from knowing what you are up to! Commissioner Cogg is a hero.

The media belong to the people. Do not sell us out. Vote no on June 2 regarding Media Consolidation.

Lyndie Kahane

## EXPRESS YOUR VIEW

What: Public hearing on FCC media ownership rules, sponsored by the University of San Francisco's Media Studies Department, Stanford University's Department of Communication, UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism and Hastings College of the Law's Communications and Entertainment Law Journal. Presentations by FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and others, followed by question-and-answer period.

When: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Legislative chamber, second floor, San Francisco City Hall, Van Ness Avenue and Grove Street.

Contact: (510) 271-4781

Jonathan Adelstein is a commissioner with the Federal Communications Commission.

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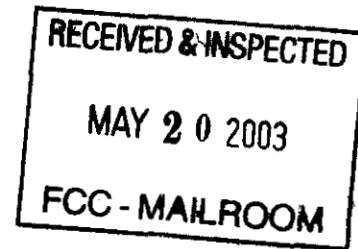
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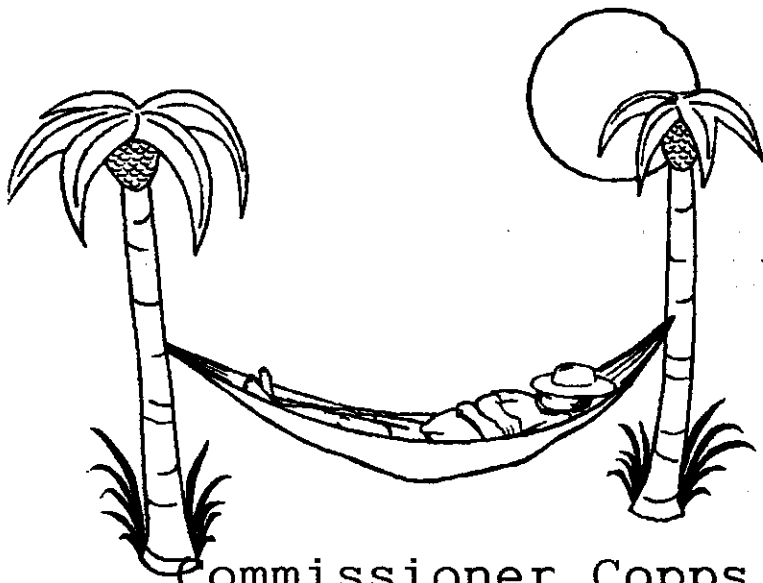
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Commissioner Copps

In times past, Americans were represented, in Wasington, in large measure by Veterans. I always felt safe in that, these men, (mostly Men) represented the best we have. And they would defend America again, at home, And They Have. Some still do.

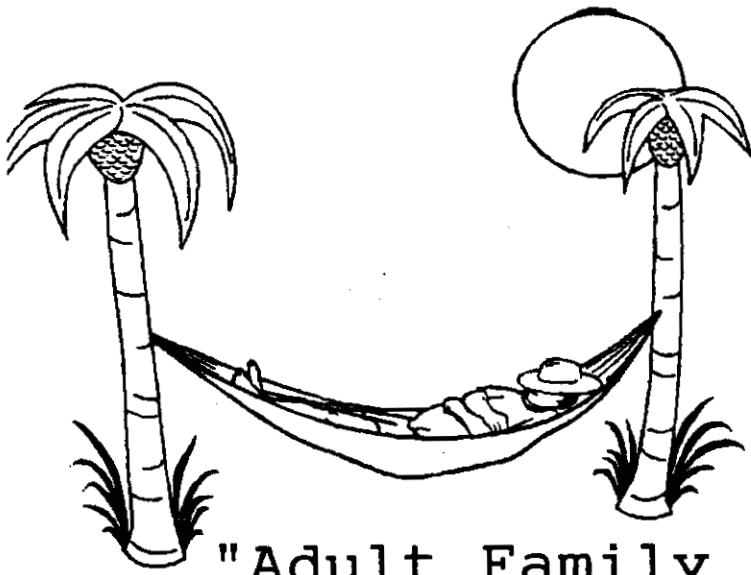
Now, it seems America is being CHIPPED AWAY, and SOLD OUT by WASHINGTON to allow Media giants to control every thing Americans see and hear. This will Continue the Sale of America.

The Broadcast Media have Polluted most everything we are exposed to, for CASH. The exposure to Crime, Violence, and Pornography, continue to decay the moral fiber of our children, and adversely effect society, our prison population, and everyones safety, at home, and on the street.

Please do not put more power, and thereby more control of Americans, into the hands of a few.

Thanks

  
Ron R. Timm



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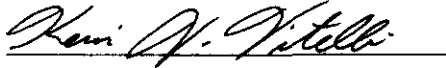
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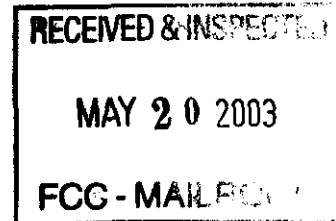
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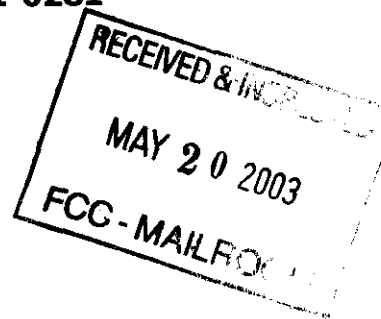
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**Donald N. Mooney**  
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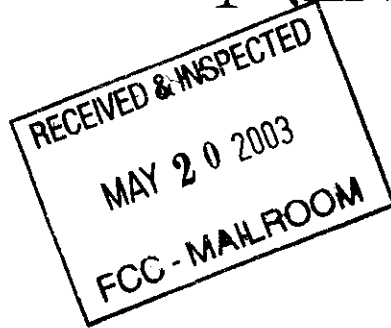
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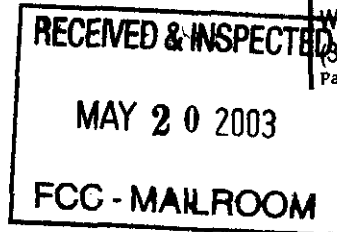
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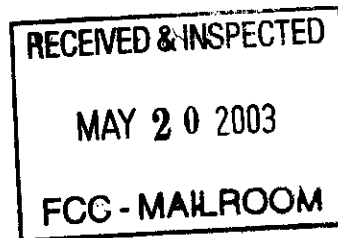
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Please do everything you can to defeat the lobbying now heard about relaxing the broadcast ownership rules that now protect us from area media monopolies. To bow to this desire of such relaxation would be to reduce the Liberty of America by default.

The bigger control of our lives by bigger media conglomerates seems obvious as only the media views would be promoted!

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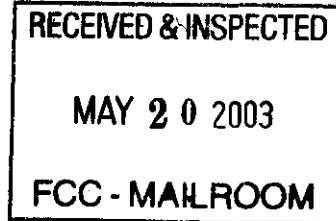
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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW  
Washington, DC 20554



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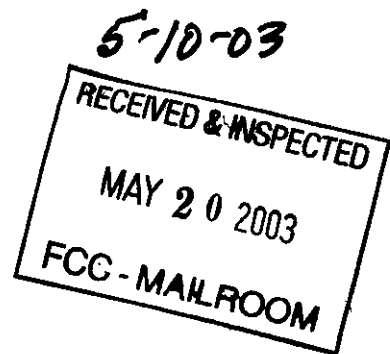
Sincerely,

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Donald Mooney  
Oklahoma City, OK 731021-0281

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The Hon. Kevin Martin  
Commissioner FCC,  
445 12th Street SW  
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Dear Mr. Martin —

Please do everything in your power to prevent the relaxation of current ownership of mass media rules.

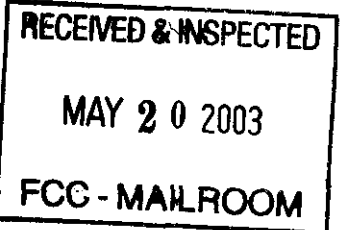
I see the proposed change, as I'm sure you must, as an unwelcome control of American freedoms and a dangerous grab for power by the media giants who are, even now, too powerful!

Thanks.

Paul A. Luce

5-10-03

The Hon. Jonathan Adelstein  
FCC Commissioner, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
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Please defeat any attempt to  
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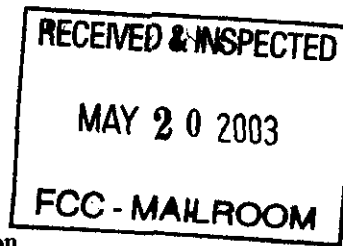
Larger media giants will cost us  
heavily in terms of American freedom of  
thought and give the media—newspapers,  
radio and television far more power (and  
the resulting capability of abuse with such  
power!),  
greater

Thanks,

Paul Luce  
P.O. Box 116  
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The Honorable Michael J. Copps  
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206 Cerrito Ave  
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Kevin J. Vitelli

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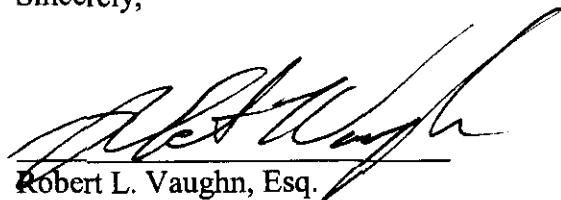
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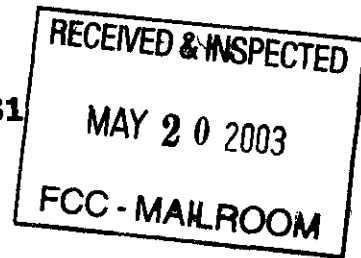
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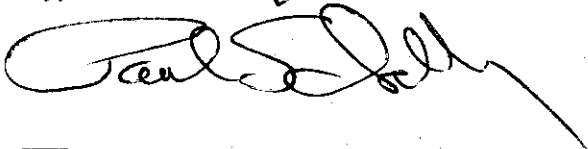
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THINK WE NEED A KEEP THE BROADCAST  
RULES IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENT  
VIEWPOINTS.

IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY APPARENT  
THAT MEDIA COMPANIES HAVE THEIR  
OWN AGENDA & ARE INTENT ON BLOCKING  
ANYTHING THAT OPPOSES THEM.

PLEASE WORK TO PROTECT THE VIEWS  
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THANK YOU.



Paul S. Schalk  
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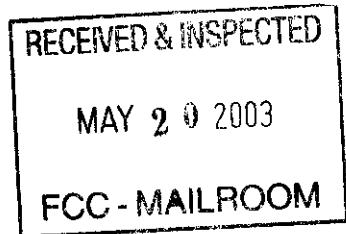
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Dear Chairman Powell and fellow commissioners,

I urge you to reject the proposed rule changes, relaxing restrictions on media ownership, which you are scheduled to consider on June 2.

If anything, restrictions on media ownership should be tightened in order to reverse the growing monopolization of media outlets, which threatens both consumer choice and the free exchange of information, analysis, and views vital to a democratic society.

The relaxation of radio station ownership rules by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has already led to domination of many local markets by Clear Channel, which has grown from 40 to 1,225 stations. Further rule relaxation would open other media to monopolization.

Free markets only function if information flows freely and monopolies are prevented. Because of the vital role the media play in a democratic society, preventing media consolidation is of particular importance.

Broadcast frequencies are owned by the public and licensed to their users. It is the duty of Congress and the FCC to see that licensing rules and practices preserve a free media marketplace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Walden".

Rebecca Walden

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